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Smallpox among the Indians in North Dakota.

BISMARCK, N. DAK., *August 13, 1900.*

SIR: I am informed by Attorney-General Cowan, president of the North Dakota State board of health, that smallpox exists among the half-breed Chippewa Indians, on the Turtle Mountain Subagency at Rolla, N. Dak.

Sixteen cases with 2 deaths have been reported within the past two weeks, but it is claimed that many Indians who have been exposed and who may now have the disease, to avoid vaccination or quarantine, have left the agency and are scattering among the western Indian agencies. There is no Government physician at the Turtle Mountain Subagency, but I am informed that the outbreak has been reported to the Interior Department.

Respectfully, F. R. SMYTH,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

A case of smallpox at the marine hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, *August 14, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that a case of smallpox developed in this hospital in a negro roustabout.

The patient was sent to the pesthouse as soon as the eruption appeared, and necessary precautions were taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

Respectfully, H. W. WICKES,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Reports from the Mexican border.

El Paso, Tex., August 11, 1900—Inspection service.—I have the honor to submit herewith the following summary of work at this station for the week ended August 11, 1900: Inspection of Mexican Central Railway passengers, 116 persons; inspection of Rio Grande and P. R. Railway passengers, 34 persons; inspection of immigrants (Mexican), 35; disinfection of clothing, blankets, etc., Mexican immigrants, 26 pieces; disinfection of soiled linen imported for laundry, 434 pieces; vaccination of destitute Mexican children, 7. Arrived on Mexican Central Railway 7 passengers from Cuba via Vera Cruz, Mexico, en route to China. Had certificate from medical officer of Marine-Hospital Service at Vera Cruz that the party just landed. I let them pass.

E. ALEXANDER,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.